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SUBJ: LOCKHEED VISIT TO MOSCOW

REF: MOSCOW 3414

1. DURING COURTESY CALL ON AMBASSADOR, LOCKHEED INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT PRILL COMMENTED THAT WHILE NO SALES OR OTHER AGREEMENTS HAD BEEN CONCLUDED DURING CURRENT VISIT, COMPANY IS WELL SATISFIED WITH RECEPTION AND INTEREST APPARENT ON SOVIET PART. L-1011 WITH COMPANY DELEGATION SCHEDULED TO DEPART MOSCOW FOR LONDON MARCH 13.

2. PRILL AND COLLEAGUES WM HANNAN, DIRECTOR, COMMERCIAL AIRLINE REQUIREMENTS OF LOCKHEED-CALIFORNIA AND STANLEY PATTERSON, PROJECT MANAGER FOR USSR, MADE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS ON SOVIET AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY ON BASIS RECENT TOURS OF TUPOLEV PLANT VORONEZH AND CONVERSATIONS WITH SOVIET AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION OFFICIALS:

A) SOVIETS HINTED CLEARLY THAT ADDITIONAL TU-144'S WILL NOT BE BUILT. ONE DANILOV, IDENTIFIED BY PRILL AS PLANT MANAGER AT VORONEZH, STATED THAT DESIGN WORK ON THE SECOND
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GENERATION VERSION OF THE TU-144 IS ALREADY UNDER WAY.

DANILOV DECLINED TO ANSWER PRILL'S QUESTION ABOUT TOTAL NUMBER OF 144S COMPLETED, BUT VOLUNTEERED THAT FIFTY-FIVE TU-154'S HAVE COME OFF THE PRODUCTION LINE AND THAT IL-62'S ARE NOW BEING MANUFACTURED AT THE RATE OF ONE A MONTH.

B) SOVIETS ARE WELL AWARE THAT QUALITY CONTROL IS THE MAJOR SHORTCOMING IN AIRCRAFT CONSTRUCTION IN THE USSR. SOVIET CIVIL AVIATION MINISTER BUGAYEV ADMITTED THIS DIRECTLY TO PRILL, INDICATING THAT IT IS MAIN REASON SOVIETS ARE LOOKING INTO POSSIBILITIES OF TECHNOLOGY EXCHANGE AND WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH US AIRFRAME MANUFACTURES.
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